



State Representative Julia B. Wasserman

Dear Friends,

The 2006 legislative session for the most part was beneficial for Newtown.

Once again, I worked with constituents and town officials to gain approval for several measures and grants of importance to the town.

This year's transportation act, which I cosponsored, authorizes \$2.3 billion in bonding for projects of importance to the 106th district. They include: expanding rail passenger service through Danbury to New Milford to reduce traffic congestion on Routes 7 and I-95 and completing preliminary design and engineering for widening I-84 between Waterbury and Danbury.

The 2006 conveyance act, which I cosponsored as well, finalizes the sale of a portion of the Fairfield Hills campus to the town.

State grants also were approved for Newtown, including:

- **\$275,000** for utility upgrades on the grounds of the former Fairfield Hills Hospital. The project will include water, sewer, storm drain and electrical upgrades on the campus, which the town has purchased from the state.

- **\$238,661** in supplemental special education funding.

Newtown's annual state grants for road maintenance and education also show an increase from last year's totals.

Thank you for your support over the past 16 years. It is truly my privilege to serve you.

Julia



Representative Wasserman meets with Governor M. Jodi Rell at the Governor's Office to discuss matters of importance to Newtown.

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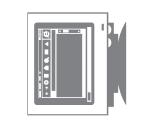
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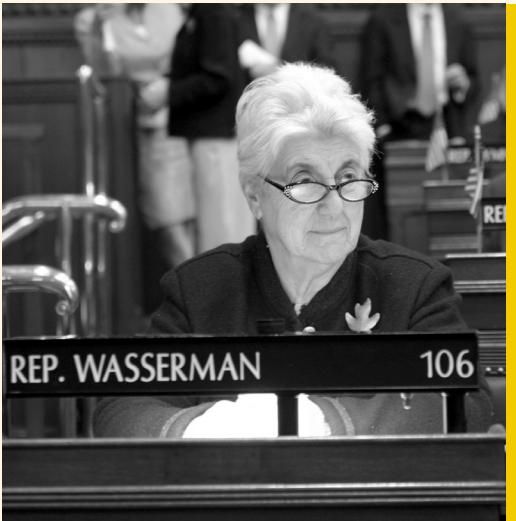


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Representative Wasserman follows debate on the floor of the House during the 2006 Legislative Session.

Protecting Your Interests

During the 2006 session, as always, I worked on behalf of the 106th District's families, children, seniors and taxpayers. I supported measures to spur economic growth, create jobs, ease traffic congestion, preserve the environment, and protect consumers.

Supporting Manufacturing

Connecticut manufacturers are struggling to remain competitive with their out-of-state counterparts. To help level the playing field, we passed a law that exempts machinery and equipment from the property tax to strengthen our manufacturing sector and preserve and create thousands of jobs.

Encouraging Film Production in CT

To underscore the state's commitment to encouraging movie and digital media production in Connecticut, legislation was enacted requiring the Commission on Culture and Tourism to implement new film and digital media tax credits and promote movie and digital media production and post-production in our state.

Fostering Technological Innovation

I also supported legislation to promote research in the growing field of nanotechnology, a branch of engineering that deals with extremely small electronic circuits and mechanical devices designed and manufactured at the molecular level.

Nurturing Microbusinesses and New Companies

Under another new law, the state will provide matching financial assistance for micro-businesses that receive funding through two federal programs, and venture capital for newly-established or expanding businesses that are in the early stages of developing new products and processes.

Office of the Business Advocate

An Office of the Business Advocate was established under a law I supported. The office will contact micro and small businesses that could benefit from business assistance programs, provide information about the programs, and help businesses access them.

Encroachment on Open Space Land

To help preserve undeveloped acreage in Connecticut, legislation was passed that prohibits anyone from encroaching on open space land owned by the state or a nonprofit land conservation organization without permission or legal authorization.

Protecting Long Island Sound

Another new law will encourage municipal wastewater treatment plants and private sector firms to reduce the amount of nitrogen they discharge into Long Island Sound.

Supporting Children with Cancer

Health insurers and the HUSKY Plan are required to cover testing ordered by physicians for children with cancer to assess the extent to which chemotherapy or radiation treatment has caused cognitive or developmental problems under an act I supported.

Ensuring Integrity of UConn 2000 Projects

The General Assembly tightened oversight requirements for UConn 2000 construction projects to ensure compliance with state building and fire codes, enhance student safety at the University of Connecticut, and ensure taxpayer dollars are being spent wisely.

Property Tax Relief for Seniors

Municipalities will be allowed to freeze property taxes for certain elderly persons under an act we passed this year. To be eligible for the benefit, homeowners or their spouses must be age 70 or older, have lived in the state for at least one year, and meet the same income limits that apply to the existing state-reimbursed "circuit breaker" program.

Supporting Disabled Veterans

Veterans' disability payments will be excluded from the calculation of income to determine eligibility for income-based property tax exemptions under a new law that was passed.



Rep. Wasserman and Rep. Jack Malone, D-Norwich, discuss legislation awaiting action by the state House of Representatives of importance to both of their districts.

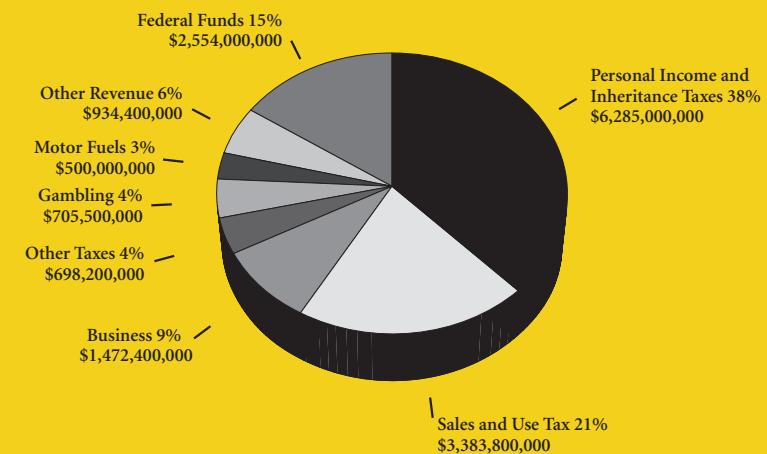
State Budget

I supported the 2006-07 budget because it helps Connecticut's families, is fiscally responsible, and will help stimulate economic growth and create jobs. It increases the tax credit property owners can take to reduce their state income tax liability to \$500 for the 2006 tax year. The budget allows parents to deduct contributions to the state-sponsored college savings plan from their adjusted gross income for state income tax purposes. It also makes prudent use of the state surplus by replenishing the rainy day fund.

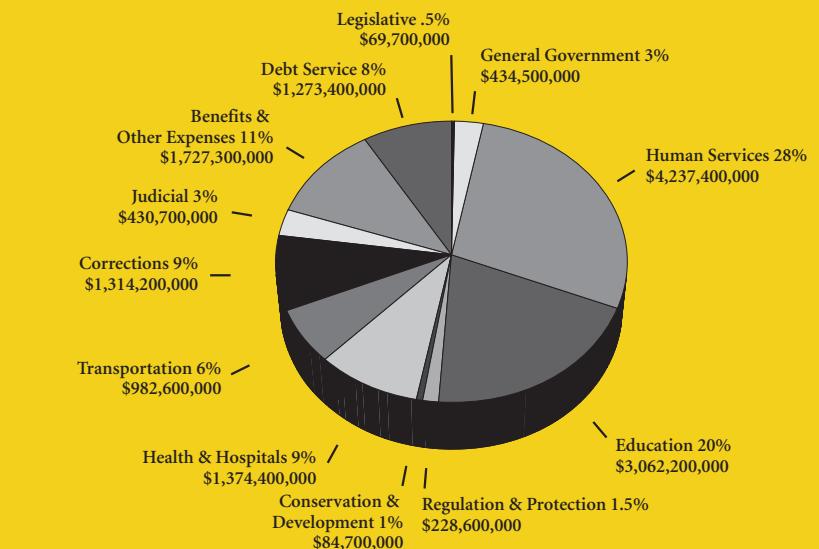
BUDGET ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

The 2006 general fund and the special transportation fund spends \$15.2 billion.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?



WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



**In addition to an expected surplus, the difference between expenditures and revenues is due to tax refunds.*